



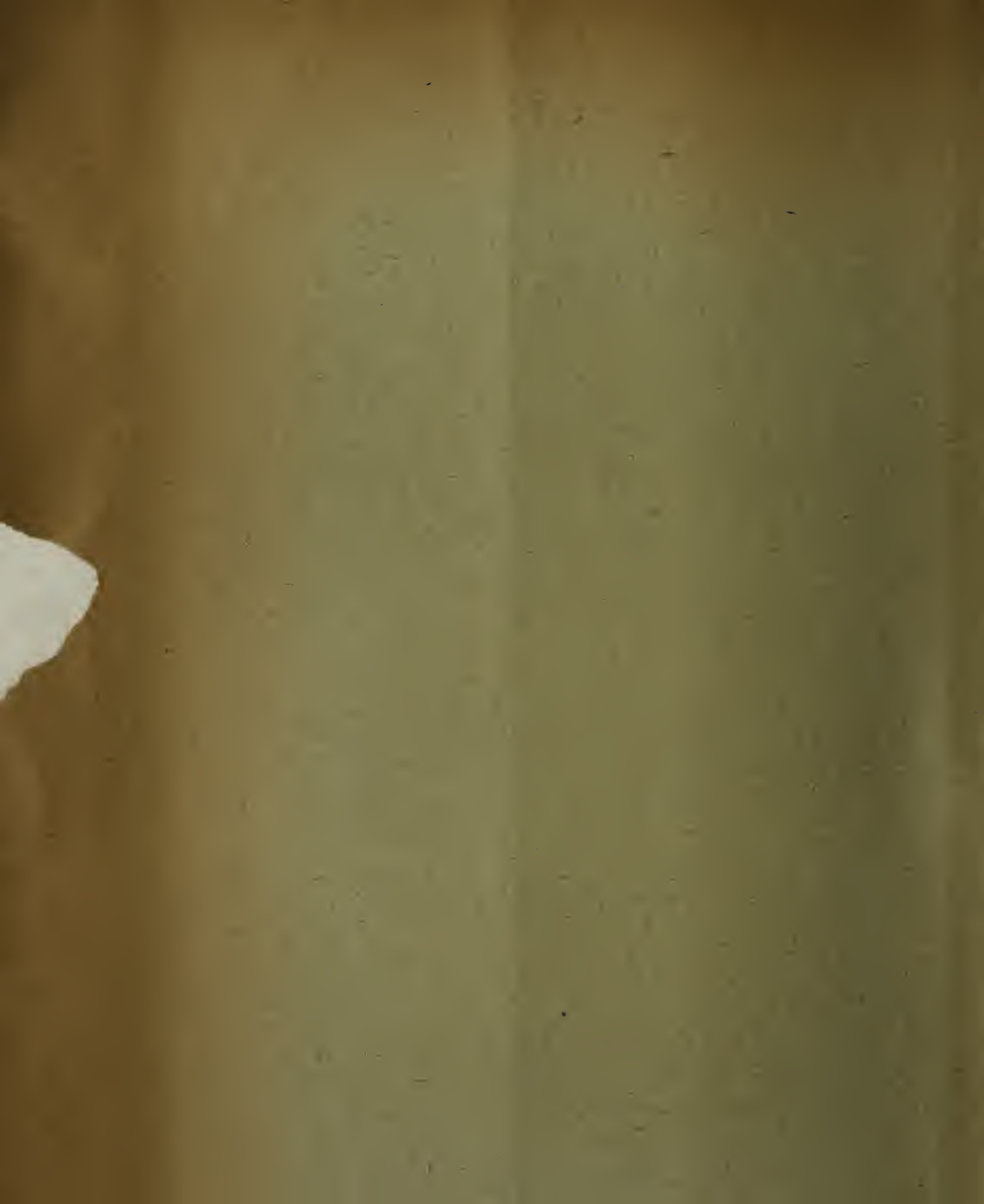
ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

Health of the Borough

of Fowey,

1920.



HEALTH REPORT.

Population, 1911—2,280. Estimated, 1920—2,303.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births—Male, 17 ; Female, 24 ; Total, 41. One illegitimate birth.

Birth-rate—20.03 per thousand.

Deaths—Male, 24 ; Female, 15 ; Total, 39. Death-rate, 19.3 per thousand.

There was one death from Measles, five from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and five from Cancer.

Three deaths of infants under one year of age giving an infantile death-rate of 73 per thousand

Both the Birth-rate and Death-rate are much higher than in 1919.

WATER.

The year has been an important one ; a determined attempt to increase the supply from the higher levels have been made at considerable cost. Unfortunately, so far not with great success, though the best expert advice was obtained. In the lower level the outlook has improved. There has been no real shortage through the year and the quality continues satisfactory.

There has been less complaint of pollution from oil in the river than last year.

DRAINAGE.

There has been no serious trouble. A few drains have been renewed.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Approximate number of Water-Closets	655
Water-Closets connected to Cess-pits	10
Earth Closets	40
Septic Tank	1

The whole of the town is supplied with water closets. The last three classes are found in the rural area.

SCAVENGING.

House refuse is collected daily except in one or two special cases.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

There have been 70 inspections and five statutory notices issued. Three have been satisfactorily finished, two are in hand.

OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS.

Twelve feet of 9 inch sewers have been repaired.

FOOD.

There has been some improvement in the milk supply. No sale of diseased meat has occurred. There is one private Slaughter House and the Borough has adopted Bye-Laws relating to the slaughter of cattle and the humane-killer is in use.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

There were notified in 1920

- 2 cases of Diphtheria (same house)
- 1 case of Pneumonia
- 1 „ „ Ophthalmia Monatarum
- 1 „ „ Erysipelas
- 1 „ „ Pulmonary Tuberculosis
- 1 „ „ Tuberculosis glands of the neck.

There was no notifiable epidemic during the year and no influenza ; towards the winter there was a mild epidemic of Whooping Cough.

The year compares favourably with 1919.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

- I. There is one Sanitary Inspector who also acts as Borough Surveyor.
- II. There is no hospital accommodation available for Infectious Disease or small-pox. There is a hospital under the control of the Port Sanitary Authority for infectious cases among sailors.

III. ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE.

Public Health Act, 1875. Sections 39, 42, 44, 45, 47, 49, 50, 157, 158.
Public Health Amendment Act, 1890 Part III.

Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890.
Public Health Amendment Act, 1907.

Part II.	Sections 20-26,	28-33.	
Part III.	Sections 34-47.	49.	
Part IV.	Sections 52-60,	62-64,	66-67.
Part V.	Sections 69-75.		
Part VIII.	Sections 87-90.		
Part X.	Section 25.		

There are no Local Acts.

- IV. The Medical Officer of Health is prepared to examine and report on material supposed to contain tubercle bacilli or other common pathological organisms.

HOUSING.

- I. No. of houses, 475.
Working class houses, 264.
Three houses in course of erection.
(b) Population 1911—2,280.
(c) Shortage.
Houses required to meet unsatisfied demand 44
To replace houses which fall definitely below reasonable standard.. 55

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- II. There is no serious overcrowding.

III. FITNESS

The principal defect is bad lighting owing to old houses having been built against cliff and sometimes back to back.

- IV. Conditions as to water supply and closet accommodation are satisfactory generally.

No specially unhealthy areas.

- V. No bye-laws relating to houses, etc.

- VI. Owing to the failure to find a fresh supply of water for the high level, the larger scheme for housing which necessitates such supply has been held up. The three new houses on the Crescent site were commenced late in the year as they can be supplied from the usual source.

APPENDICES.

VII. (1) No complaints were made by householders during the year.

(2). (a) About 100. (b) None. (c) 3.

(3). (a and b) 3. (c) None.

(4). None.

(5). None.

(6). None.

(7). None.

(8). An Architect has been appointed in connection with the Housing Scheme who works in collaboration with the Borough Surveyor.

Medical Officer of Health,

Borough of Fowey